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SUBJ: ARMY CINC CARCAGNO PROMISES TO RESPECT
CONSTITUTION AND PROTECT NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY.
PERONIST REPLY, "SO BE IT".

1. SUMMARY: NEWLY APPOINTED ARMY COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF TOLD ARMY DAY
AUDIENCE MAY 29 THAT "RESPECT FOR THE CONSTITUTION" WOULD BE HIS
"CARDINAL PRINCIPLE" AND THAT A "GUIDING CONCEPT" FOR ALL ARMY
PERSONNEL IS TO PROTECT NATIONAL CONTROL OF THE ARGENTINE DESTINY
FROM FOREIGN INTERFERENCE. PATRIOTIC THEMES AND PEP TALK TONE
ABOUNDED IN SPEECH. SENATORS RESPONDED TO SPEECH WITH NON-
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PRAISE AND AFFIRMATION. NO ACTION REQUIRED. END SUMMARY.

2. MAJOR GENERAL JORGE RAUL CARCAGNO-- WHO WAS APPOINTED ARMY CINC
MAY 25 AFTER SOME 6 MONTHS AS V CORPS COMMANDER-- SPOKE BEFORE
PRESIDENT CAMPORA AND OTHER HIGH OFFICIALS AT THE MILITARY
COLLEGE CEREMONIES CELEBRATING ARMY DAY MAY 29. HIS OPENING THEME
AND PRINCIPAL EMPHASIS WAS THE ARMY'S DEDICATION UNDER HIS COMMAND
TO CONSTITUTIONALITY. HE GLORIED IN THE OPENING OF A NEW REIGN OF
CONSTITUTIONISM WHICH WAS CROWNED ON MAY 25 WITH THE INAUGURATION
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OF ELECTED AUTHORITIES, THANKS TO THE PROMISE KEPT BY THE ARMED FORCES. THE DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM, BASED ON THE CONSTITUTION, WHICH RECOGNIZES THAT ONLY THE PEOPLE HOLD SOVEREIGNTY, HE CONTINUED, IS EXERCISED BY THOSE ELECTED AND NO ONE HAS THE RIGHT TO ARROGATE IT TO HIMSELF. HE DREW THE CONCLUSION THAT THE ARMY CAN BEST SERVE THE CITIZENS IF IT LIMITS ITS MISSION TO DEFENSE OF THE CONSTITUTION.

3. ARMY CINC CARCAGNO IDENTIFIED " GUIDING CONCEPTS" FOR THE SPECIFIC FUNCTIONING OF THE ARMY AS " NOT ONLY ARMED PRESENCE AT THE NATION' S FRONTIERS". THE BEST SECURITY, HE SAID, EXISTS WHEN IT IS IN HARMONIOUS RELATION WITH NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FREED FROM FOREIGN TUTELAGE. THE ARMY SERVES NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY WHEN THE PEOPLE ARE THE OWNERS OF THEIR DESTINY, WHEN DECISIONS ARE MADE SOLELY IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST WITHOUT PERVERSE FOREIGN INTERFERENCE AND PRESSURE.

4. CARCAGNO IMPLICITLY DENIED THAT HIS REFERENCES TO " FOREIGN INTER-FERENCE" APPLIED TO OTHER LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS. HE STATED, " THE SPIRITUAL UNITY BETWEEN THE ARGENTINE NAVY, AIR FORCE, AND ARMY EXTENDS TO THE ARMED FORCES OF BROTHER NATIONS WHICH WE WILL INCREASE TO THE BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLES OF LATIN AMERICA".

5. FINALLY, CARCAGNO SPOKE OF THE ARMY' S HIGH CALLING TO SERVE THE PEOPLE AT EVERY LEVEL OF ITS HIERARCHY WITH " ABSOLUTE DISINTEREST" AND " PROFESSIONAL MYSTIQUE". HE ALSO SPOKE OF THE ARMY' S MUNDANE INTERMIXTURE WITH THE NATIONAL COMMUNITY, AND IMMERSION IN THE COMMUNITY WITH WHICH IT SHARES THE NATION' S VICTORIES AND VICTITUDES.

6. FOLLOWING DAY, MAY 30, THE SENATE ECHOED CARCAGNO' S DESCRIPTION OF MILITARY ROLE UNDER NEW GOVERNMENT. FREJULI MEMBER OF SENATE NAT' L DEFENSE COMMITTEE JOSE HUMBERTO MARTIARENA STATED " FREJULI HAS FULL CONFIDENCE THAT THE ARMED FORCES WILL RESPECT THE SOVEREIGN WILL OF THE PEOPLE AND CONSTITUTIONAL ORDER". UCR SPOKESMAN SENATOR CARLOS H. PERETTE, WHO AS VICE- PRESIDENT WAS TURNED OUT WITH PRES. ILLIA BY THE ARMED FORCES IN 1966, ADDED, " THE ARMED FORCES AS AN EXPRESSION OF THE PEOPLE ARE OBLIGATED TO SERVE THE CONSTITUTION AND ALSO NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE AND THE NATION' S AUTONOMOUS RIGHTS".

7. PERONIST DAILY MAYORIA EDITORIALIZED MAY 31 THAT CARCAGNO STATEMENT WAS A WELCOME INDICATION THAT ARMY UNDER CARCAGNO, IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONTRAST TO REGIME OF OUTGOING JUNTA, INTENDS TO PLAY AN ACTIVE BUT DEPOLITICIZED ROLE IN " NATIONAL LIBERATION".

8. COMMENT: ARMY CINC CARCAGNO' S SALIENT CONCEPTS OF THE LIMITED, PROFESSIONAL ROLE OF THE ARMY AND ITS IDENTITY OF INTERESTS AND SUBORDINATION TO POPULAR SOVEREIGNTY AS REPRESENTED BY ELECTED OFFICIALS HEWS THE JUSTICIALISTA GOVT LINE. HIS BOW TO LATIN AMERICAN SOLIDARITY ALSO TOES THE GOVERNMENT MARK.

9. HE DID NOT BECOME AS SPECIFIC IN HIS COMMITMENT TO CONSTITUTION-ALITY, HOWEVER, AS RETIRED ARMY CINC LANUSSE HAD 11 DAYS EARLIER SPEAKING IN THE SAME MILITARY COLLEGE WHEN THE LATTER SAID FLATLY THAT UNDER THE CONDITIONS OF CONSTITUTIONALITY HOW EXISTING THERE IS NO POSSIBLE JUSTIFICATION FOR A GOLPE (SEPAIR). HIGH- FLOWN PATRIOTISM, SUCH AS CARCAGNO EXPRESSED MAY 29, HAS OFTEN IN THE PAST BEEN THE ACCOMPANYING IDEOLOGY OF MILITARY TAKEOVERS. THESE INTIMATIONS OF ARROGANCE ARE IN PART DISARMED BY HIS INSISTENCE THAT ARMY PERSONNEL SHARE THE SUFFERINGS OR PROSPERITY OF OTHER CITIZENS.

10. FREJULI SENATOR MARTIARENA' S EXPRESSION OF CONFIDENCE IN THE ARMED FORCES CONTRASTS WITH THE INNUENDO AND HARD- LINE TOWARD THE MILITARY TAKEN BY PRESIDENT CAMPORA IN HIS INAUGURATION SPEECH. SENATE OPINION PROBABLY REFLECTS A FORWARD- LOOKING PRAG- MATISM IN CONTRAST TO THE INAUGURATION SPEECH WHICH WAS MORE A CAPSTONE ON THE PAST ANTI- MILITARY FREJULI ELECTION CAMPAIGN.

11. NEITHER CARCAGNO NOR THE RESPONDING SENATORS PICKED UP ON THE ADVERSE IMPLICATIONS FOR FOREIGN MILITARY MISSIONS FOUND IN CAMPORA' S INAUGURATION SPEECH.
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